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H PASS (INFO: EUR/EE, L/C, SCA): HONORABLE LLOYD BENTSEN
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1. REFERENCE YOUR INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF MRS. JOHANNA RAMIREZ
OF 4810 POSTWAY, EL PASO, TEXAS 79903, WHO WROTE TO YOU
REGARDING HIS MOTHER, MRS. JOHANNA GIEL.

2. MRS. GIEL, A US CITIZEN, TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN ROMANIA IN
1971 AND CLAIMS THAT SHE BROUGHT WITH HER TO ROMANIA A NUMBER
OF VALUABLE PAINTINGS, VALUABLE CHINA, ANTIQUES, ETC. FOLLOWING
HER ARRIVAL HERE, SHE BUILT A HOME WHERE SHE RESIDED WITH
ROMANIAN RELATIVES. MRS. GIEL INFORMED EMBASSY EARLY IN THE
YEAR THAT SHE WAS PLANNING TO RETURN TO THE US AND FEARED
THAT, AS SHE HAD NO ACCEPTABLE PROOF THAT SHE HAD BROUGHT
VALUABLE ITEMS TO ROMANIA IN 1971, SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
RE-EXPORT THEM. SHE ALSO INDICATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN INFORMED
BY ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES THAT, SHOULD SHE LEAVE ROMANIA, HER
REAL ESTATE WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT
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PURSUANT TO DECREE 233/1974. SUCH DECREE STATES TAT THE REAL
PROPERTY OF RESIDENTS OF ROMANIA WHO LEAVE COUNTRY PERMANENTLY
MUST BE SOLD TO THE STATE FOR A MAXIMUM COMPENSATION OF
40,000 LEI.

3. EMBASSY WAS LAST IN TOUCH WITH MRS. GIEL'S ROMANIAN RELATIVES
ON MARCH 7, 1978 WHEN THEY INFORMED US THAT SHE HAD BEEN ABLE

TO DISPOSE OF ALL BUT THREE OF HER PAINTINGS AND ALL CHINA
AND ANTIQUES, BY SELLING THEM PRIVATELY TO ROMANIANS. RELATIVE
ALSO STATED THAT MRS. GIEL INTENDED TO ACCEPT 40,000 LEI
OFFERED BY THE GOR AS COMPENSATION FOR THE NATIONALIZATION
OF HER HOME AND THAT SHE WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY
FOR THE US IN LATE MARCH 1978.

4. AS MRS. GIEL HAS NOT CLAIMED HER SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS
FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS, WE ASSUMED THAT SHE HAD INDEED
LEFT ROMANIA, AND RETURNED CHECKS TO THE US TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

5. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT MRS. GIEL AND, IF SHE IS STILL
IN ROMANIA, WE WILL OFFER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.
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